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Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following publications:

- U.S. Patent No. 5,557,518
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These publications are listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner as well as English language abstracts for each of the Japanese publications of #4. through #6. set forth above.

It is requested that these references be considered and made of record herein.

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